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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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For: TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE HAVING A CURVILINEAR INTERFACE AT UPPER CORNERS OF THE TRENCH ISOLATION REGION, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, Claims 11-21, drawn to a method of manufacturing a trench isolation structure. The election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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